

LIVE WIRE FELS BRAVE MOTORMAN

Hurled Unconscious to the Ground by 3,000 Volts.

DYING IN A HOSPITAL

His Uniform Set Afire and Whole Body Seared.

Blockade Occurs on Cabin John Car Line and, While Men Try Vainly to Repair Fallen Trolley, Charles Diver Grasps Sputtering Wire—The Doctors Express Little Hope for His Recovery—Both Tracks Lined.

Coolly facing death to protect the passengers of his car, Charles Diver, of 728 F street northeast, a motorman, picked up a live trolley wire during a blockade on the Cabin John Bridge line last night and 3,000 volts passed through his body.

He was thrown away from the wire, with his clothes flaming and his flesh seared from head to foot. A passing automobile carried his unconscious body to Georgetown Hospital in a wild ride of two miles. Early this morning he was dying.

BOTH TRACKS LINED.

The blockade occurred near Chain Bridge about 6 o'clock, and a dozen cars were lined along both tracks, while men tried in vain to repair a broken trolley wire.

The impatient passengers, many of them young girls and their escorts, bound for Cabin John, left the cars and strolled perilously near the sputtering wire.

Diver saw the danger. As two young women walked across the track within a yard of the charged metal, he leaped from his platform and roughly shoved them aside.

He seized a piece of newspaper and deliberately grasped the writhing thing before him. His body left the ground, and the heavy voltage hurled him back against his car.

More than a hundred passengers had seen him, and in an instant the huddled figures by the track were surrounded by screaming women and less excited men.

His body in flames.

Diver's uniform was blazing in several places, and before the calmer men near him could reach his side, his body was enveloped in flames. An unknown man stripped off his coat like a flash and wrapped it around the unconscious form.

Willing hands were blisters while smothering the burning garments.

Dr. Neill, of Nashville, Tenn., who was on one of the stalled cars, took charge of the injured man, carrying him to the river bank, where cold water was dashed over the charred form. Futile efforts were made to bring him to consciousness.

J. N. Maupins, of 2021 N street northwest, drew up near the blockade in a big touring car, while the physician was working. Diver was carried to the machine, and with P. K. Maupins holding the unconscious conductor in his arms, Mr. Maupins raced for Georgetown Hospital with all the speed the powerful car had.

The car dashed up to the hospital shortly before 7 o'clock. Far into the night physicians of the line and at the hospital worked to keep the slender thread of the conductor's life going.

Seen Wife in Hospital.

His face, body and limbs were charred and blackened, but at midnight he recovered consciousness, and found his wife, Mrs. Irene Diver, leaning over the bed. She had been a mother but two weeks, and arose for the first time to go to the bedside of her husband.

The man was in terrible pain, but he suffered grimly, uttering no complaint and smiling now and then at his wife as the doctors worked.

At her feet his strength going, Diver beckoned to her and with his hands held out, he begged for a drink of water. The two-week-old baby he brought to the hospital.

Dr. James M. Moser reported about 2:30 o'clock this morning that there was little chance for Diver's recovery.

At the scene of the accident three women fainted and several others were hysterical long after the tangle in the line had been straightened out.

WIFE HELD AS PICKPOCKET.

Criminal Record Revealed in Husband's Admissions.

Chicago, June 19.—Mrs. Elizabeth Costello, thirty-two years old, wife of Reese Costello, a former Brooklyn merchant and politician, was arrested yesterday in a State street department store on a charge of picking pockets. While the officers were searching in a rooming house at 152 La Salle avenue, where Costello and his wife have been living three months, Costello drove up to the place in his automobile and he also was arrested.

The detectives recovered jewelry valued at \$1,000 and a dozen or more pocket-books and handbags said to have been stolen from women shoppers in State street stores in the last six months. Costello, the police say, is wanted in New York on charges of pocket picking.

BOYS HANGED BY WRISTS

Father Arrested for Cruelty by Humane Officers.

Pittsburg, June 19.—For suspending his sons, Tony, aged eleven, and Frank, aged ten years, by the wrists for three hours, Frank Asarella, an Italian shoemaker, of 541 North avenue, Milwaukee, has been arrested and placed under \$500 bail by the Western Pennsylvania Humane Society. He will be given a hearing tomorrow. In the meantime the children have been placed with neighbors, who say the parent practices untold cruelties upon the little ones.

Condition of C. G. Gates.

Paris, June 19.—The condition of Charles G. Gates is unchanged. His doctors hope to avoid an operation for appendicitis.

WEATHER FORECAST

For the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia—Partly cloudy and continued warm today and to-morrow; light variable winds.

PIES MALIGNED.

President's Aunt Misquoted as to Her Recipe.

Millbury, Mass., June 19.—Miss Della Torrey, President Taft's aunt and most outspoken admirer, has been misquoted. "I made up my mind," she said to a newspaper man to-day, "that I would never talk to reporters again. Why, somebody published a recipe for making an apple pie that he said he got from me. Now I'm not saying that I can't make apple pies, but that recipe was not mine. Yet it went all over the country, and I have been receiving hundreds of letters, some of them suggesting changes in the recipe. If it was mine I would not mind these criticisms, but it puts me in a false light when folks think I have been making imperfect pies for the President of the United States."

CAME WITH COLONEL

Washington Man Tells of Eventful Trip.

TOOK ALL EUROPE BY STORM

Roosevelt Dominated Sovereigns and Populace Alike with His Striking Personality—Never Seemed to Be at Rest Aboard Ship—His Democratic Manners Impressed All.

In an interesting interview last night, a gentleman residing in Washington told a Herald representative of the trip of Col. Roosevelt through Northern Europe and his voyage on the Kaiserin Augusta Victoria.

The gentleman saw the colonel in Paris, Berlin, and Brussels, and was closely associated with him during the trip to the United States.

Regarding the colonel's Berlin visit the gentleman had the following to say:

"Roosevelt's reception by the German Emperor was the climax of his entire European tour. The great strength of the Emperor's personality and the striking likeness between the two men led every one to watch the meeting with deep interest."

"To the gratification of the Americans, Roosevelt's personality overwhelmingly predominated that of the Emperor's. Throughout the interview between the two distinguished persons the colonel was the speaker and the Emperor the attentive listener."

"The enthusiasm of the German populace was such that the police found difficulty in keeping them from actually grasping the colonel. The Kaiserin Augusta Victoria was crowded for blocks with the cheering multitude. Only the students and the government officials were allowed to greet the ex-president personally."

Brussels Enthusiasm Greatest.

In Brussels, perhaps, the enthusiasm of the people was greater than at either Paris or Berlin. Here there was actual danger of the distinguished visitor being overwhelmed with the greetings of the populace. In Paris large numbers of people followed the carriage containing the ex-President and his escort, and rent the air with loud, and hearty cheers.

"During the trip over on the Kaiserin Augusta Victoria, the colonel never seemed to be at rest. He would be continually pacing the deck, or engaged in animated conversation with some member of the ship's crew or a fellow passenger."

"During Sunday, after we were well out from land, a prayer meeting was held by the ship's chaplain. Just before the service it was found out that there were not enough hymn books to go around. Of course, one was offered the colonel. He at once jumped from his seat and made his way to the front of the person attending the meeting, asking them if there was any who needed a book. He finally gave his book to an old lady who had none."

Wanted Prayer Meeting in St. George.

"After this he asked the minister if he could not have a prayer meeting among the steerage passengers. Therefore it was arranged to have a meeting in the stateroom that evening. Just as the colonel entered that part of the ship to attend the meeting the women fell on their knees and started to kiss his limbs and hands. The colonel was, I believe, for once embarrassed. He kept calling, 'You must not do this! You must not do this!'"

On Monday Roosevelt expressed his desire to shake hands with the men in low decks who ran the ship, and he was conducted there to shake hands with the stokers. He shook each of them by the hand enthusiastically, but he did not stoop as the press reports say he did.

Throughout his trip in Europe (that is while I saw him) the whole of European civilization seemed to be overshadowed by his strong and dominating individuality. The strenuous and rugged personality of the ex-President enthused everybody, and to be in his presence was to be electrified by his tense earnestness and aggressiveness."

"I dare say he conversed with every man on the ship while on his way over. In addition to this, he did a great deal of work on his book on African hunting, which will shortly come from the press."

FUNERAL REQUEST HONORED.

Woman of 106 Buried in a Coffin Made of Tree She Planted.

Winchester, Va., June 19.—Mrs. Elizabeth Kornus, aged 106 years, who died a few days ago at her home west of here, was buried this afternoon in a coffin made of the wood of a walnut tree, which she had planted when only a small child, fulfilling a request made of the undertaker in her dying bed.

The remaining wood of the tree, which was nearly 100 years old, and of giant proportions, was per her request turned over to the undertaker for his work. Mrs. Kornus, for the last twenty years, had subsided almost entirely on a diet of fat meat and corn bread.

Summer Tourist Rates.

Baltimore & Ohio Daily to Adirondacks, Catskill, and Allegheny Mountains; New England, Northern New York, Canadian Provinces, Nova Scotia, and Atlantic Seashore resorts. Also to Pacific Coast and Rocky Mountain section. If you contemplate a trip for pleasure or business by rail or water, consult agents at 141 or 619 Pa. ave. They will furnish booklets and be helpful to you.

CAPITAL A PREY TO BAD ALLEYS

Objectionable Slums Are in All Sections of City.

WARNING OF MR. OYSTER

Citizen Outlines Bad Conditions in Pulpit Speech.

Hundreds of Negro and White Families Living in Squalor Within Stone's Throw of Northwest Marble Palaces—Health Officer Woodward Admits Appalling Situation, But Says He Is Terribly Handicapped.

Washington is honeycombed with filthy alleys, spreading disease, in even the most beautiful parts of the city. Scattered through every residence section are slums more objectionable than the congested districts of New York or London. The health department is fighting a desperate losing battle against conditions too deep-rooted to be repaired without public aid.

This was the warning that E. W. Oyster, of the Petworth Citizens' Association, hurled from the pulpit of the People's Church, East Capitol street, yesterday morning.

HEARING IS DENIED.

Mr. Oyster declared he had tried in vain to get a hearing before the Commissioners on behalf of various citizens' associations. He read letters from the Commissioners in which they admitted they knew conditions. They refused point blank to give him an audience.

Dr. W. C. Woodward, health officer, admitted the situation is appalling. But he believed the honeycomb of disease-breeding slums is being gradually weeded out. The antagonism of the owners of back-alley houses, where hundreds of families live in the most degraded way, he said, has retarded the work of the authorities.

The real menace of the slums, according to both Dr. Woodward and Mr. Oyster, is the fact that no section of the city escapes contamination.

Along the splendid avenues of the north-west and west marble palaces, and blocks after block of beautiful homes, hide dirty alleys.

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WRECK KILLS THREE.

Crowded Emigrant Train Collides with Engine.

Norwich, N. Y., June 19.—A heavily loaded emigrant train on the Ontario and Western Railway, north bound, collided with a light engine, south bound, at Parker this morning, and three passengers were killed and twenty-five injured, six seriously. The emigrant train was running at about thirty miles an hour up a heavy grade and met the light engine running twenty-five miles an hour.

The passenger train was made up of a heavy engine and eight coaches loaded with 371 emigrants from Norway, Sweden, Italy, Switzerland, and other foreign countries en route for the Western States.

FRENCH AVIATION BOOMS.

Meetings Are Promiscuous and Fifteen Men Fly To-day.

Paris, June 19.—Aviation meetings follow each other in rapid succession despite the fact that the organizers assert that they will lose more than \$1,000,000.

The Rouen meeting opens to-morrow with fifteen aviators.

The Ottoman Mission to-day witnessed flights at the military school. Gen. Reche Pasha excitedly demanded to be taken up. His request was granted, but he had no more than a few minutes of flight, and he received a bruised nose. He complained of pains in the stomach.

CHARLTON CASE DRAGS.

Police Fail to Connect Russian with Woman's Murder.

Como, June 19.—The police have made another search of the house of the Russian in custody, in connection with the mysterious murder of Mrs. Mary Scott Charlton, but they found nothing that would in any way tend to show that the prisoner had a hand in the crime.

Investigations made at Genoa and Naples to ascertain whether Charlton, husband of the murdered woman, had embarked on a steamer at either of those places for the United States have been without result.

MORE OF TAFT WANTED.

Indiana May Ask Him to Make Three Speeches.

Indianapolis, June 19.—The definite announcement that President Taft will deliver an address at Winona Lake, the latter part of August has confirmed the Republican leaders in their determination to urge him to make three speeches in the State while out West, one in this city, one at Fort Wayne, and one at Evansville. It is understood that both the progressives and the stand-patters in the party have suggested that the President be urged to speak, and the fact that he will be expected to defend the Payne-Aldrich law will not deter the progressives in the least.

It is said that the Indiana Republicans are all protectionists, and Senator Beveridge in his fight for control of the legislature intends to keep this idea prominently before the people, and further, that he did not object to the tariff bill as a whole.

Popular \$1.00, Sunday, June 20.

Baltimore & Ohio R. R. To Frederick, Hagerstown, and Keedysville, from Union Station, at 8:30 a. m., returning, leave Hagerstown, 6:00 p. m., Keedysville, 6:20, and Frederick, 6:30 p. m., same day.

BAT KILLS CATCHER.

Indiana Ball Player Dies Shortly After Game.

Laporte, Ind., June 19.—Charles E. Moran, twenty-three years old, a baseball catcher, died this morning from injuries received in a game. While catching, Moran was struck with a bat. An operation was required, and Moran died while the surgeons were at work.

FIND PIRATE BONES.

Three Skeletons Are Dug Up in Nova Scotia.

Royal, Nova Scotia, June 19.—The discovery of three skeletons and some ancient weapons in a cave at Grompton, near here, has revived a score of half forgotten traditions concerning smugglers and pirates, who are said to have flourished in this neighborhood a century or more ago.

Excavation for a cellar was in progress when the picks and shovels of the workmen uncovered an opening in a stone wall. The opening led in the direction of the shore of the Annapolis Basin, a large inlet from the historic bay of Fundy.

The men cleared the entrance of debris and found a tunnel twelve feet wide and eight feet high. The tunnel had the appearance of having been dug many years ago.

BOY TRIES SUICIDE.

Drinks Acid in Sights of Crowds on the Avenue.

Midnight crowds at Seventh and Pennsylvania avenue saw Morris R. Rosen, twenty-two years old, of 638 F street, place a bottle to his lips, drain the contents, and fall, writhing, to the pavement.

He was rushed to the Emergency Hospital, suffering from iodine poisoning. Timely antidotes were administered and early this morning he was out of danger. The boy refused to make explanations.

More than 100 persons noticed Rosen as he swung off an Avenue car and walked to the pavement, drawing a tiny bottle from his pocket. He gazed at the phial a moment and then calmly swallowed the burning iodine, stumbling back, to fall in the gutter.

FOUR GOVERNORS RACE WITH STORM

Lightning Twice Misses Flying Automobile.

TWO ACCOMPANIED BY WIVES

Hadley, of Missouri; Sloane, of Arizona; Ansel, of South Carolina, and Wilson, of Kentucky, in Wild Ride from Lexington to Frankfort, in Which All Escape.

Frankfort, Ky., June 19.—Through one of the worst electrical and hail storms which ever hit central Kentucky, an automobile containing four governors and the wives of two of them dashed from Versailles to Frankfort last night, and twice lightning struck within twenty feet of the machine.

Once it struck the rails of the interurban railroad, just this side of Versailles, and knocked up a shower of sparks over the automobile as it whirled past. A moment later it struck the road just ahead of the machine.

The four governors in the car were Hadley, of Missouri; Sloane, of Arizona; Ansel, of South Carolina, and Wilson, of Kentucky. Mr. Wilson and Mrs. Hadley were also in the car in addition to the driver. They had been in Lexington and Fayette County for the day.

They started home, and just outside of Versailles, were struck by the storm. Lightning was almost continuous, and it played about the automobile from the time they left Versailles until they reached Frankfort.

The governor said that it was the wildest ride they had ever taken.

ELECTION COST \$4 A VOTE.

Joseph C. Sibley Spends \$40,000 for His Nomination.

Franklin, Pa., June 19.—Joseph C. Sibley, nominated for Congress by the Republicans of the Twenty-eighth Pennsylvania district, spent \$40,000. He received 10,400 votes, which makes the average price per vote about \$4.

The largest sum paid to one man was \$5,500, to C. D. Crandall, who conducted the campaign in Warren County, and Mr. Sibley lost the county by 147 votes. Four thousand dollars went to the chairman of Elk County, which Mr. Sibley also lost by a large majority.

Most of the money was spent in Venango County, where Mr. Sibley received a majority large enough to overcome his opponent's combined majority in Elk, Forest, Mercer, and Warren counties.

\$500,000 HUNT IN FAR NORTH.

Paul J. Rainey Starts on a Six Months' Trip.

New York, June 19.—Paul J. Rainey, millionaire turfman and polo player, started to-day on a six months' trip into the frozen North after big game. Mr. Rainey went to Boston, where he will board the Boetic and on Monday begin the cruise.

The Boetic is an auxiliary steam whaler built somewhat on the plan of the Roosevelt, but regarded as superior to that craft. In command is Capt. Bartlett, who accompanied Peary on the Roosevelt. Enough supplies are aboard to last a year.

The expedition will first go to the Bay of Islands to fish for salmon, and from there to Battle Harbor, where Mr. Rainey expects to meet Rev. Dr. Grenfell, the noted missionary, a great friend of his. Thence the course will be to Etah, where dogs, Arctic clothing, and Eskimo guides will be taken aboard.

From Etah the boat will sail to Ellsmer Land, where the hunt for musk ox and polar bears will really begin. Caribou and walrus will also claim the attention of the hunters.

If the weather is favorable, the party may go farther north. An attempt may even be made to reach the pole, but this depends entirely on the weather and ice conditions. It is said the trip into the North will cost \$500,000.

KNOX TO REMAIN IN THE CABINET

Will Not Accept Nomination for Governor.

EARNEST WISH OF TAFT

Gubernatorial Boom Spoiled at White House Conference.

Secretary's Action in Matter and Chief Executive's Insistence Upon Him Remaining in Official Family Pats End to All Reports of Friction—Representative Tener Will Be Republican Nominee.

Secretary of State Knox will not accept a nomination for governor of Pennsylvania on the Republican ticket.

The Secretary killed the boom that had been started in his favor in a formal statement issued here last night.

While Mr. Knox declined to allow the use of his name, he acknowledges frankly that he would be willing to accept the honor, were it not for the President's earnest wish that he continue to serve in the Cabinet.

Mr. Knox's decision to head off the gubernatorial boom was reached after a conference with President Taft at the White House yesterday morning.

The Secretary's action in this matter and the President's insistence upon his remaining in the Cabinet will effectively put an end to all reports that there has been friction between Mr. Taft and his Secretary of State. Here is the Knox statement:

Statement of Mr. Knox.

The President having expressed to me this morning his earnest wish that I should remain at my present post, I am constrained to decline to allow my name to be presented as a candidate for governor of Pennsylvania at the forthcoming Republican convention.

But for this I would have deemed it my duty to have accepted the nomination, if it had come to me as the general choice of the party.

I appreciate the expressions of confidence and assurance of support I have already received, and I hope and am sure the convention will be able to find a candidate who will merit the full support of the party at this particularly important time.

In my judgment there is no more fruitful field for high public service at this period than in the States, whose proper powers and relations should be appreciated, exercised, and preserved for the general good of the whole country.

Paves Way for Tener.

Secretary Knox's withdrawal of his name means that Representative John K. Tener, of Washington County, probably will be the Republican nominee.

Mr. Tener and State Senator W. E. Crowe, of Fayette County, have been the two candidates upon whom Senator Penrose, the Republican boss of Pennsylvania, has looked with favor, and members of the Pennsylvania delegation say that the choice is certain to fall now upon Tener. Tener is a strong organization man.

He was formerly a well-known professional baseball pitcher, having played on the Baltimore Orioles back in the early '90s.

Discussion in official circles of the exact relations between President Taft and Secretary Knox, prompted by Pennsylvania political developments, last night brought forth assurances from an authoritative source that those relations are, and always have been, altogether cordial.

Relations Most Cordial.

There have been frank and full interchanges of expression between the President and the Secretary of State in regard to what may be called their official love affairs.

There has been found nothing which needed a healing balm, and the interchanges between the two men have been helpful to the development of the subject.

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WOMAN SLIPS OFF HORSE; TAFT OFFERS HIS AUTO

"You'd Better Get in Here," Says President to Rider in Distress, But She Declines Courtesy and Remounts.

President Taft showed his chivalrous spirit yesterday. He met a young woman in distress and offered his assistance, even to the extent of permitting her to commingle the White House automobile with him to hurry home.

The President and Capt. A. W. Butt, his aid, went out for a ride in one of the big White House automobiles late yesterday afternoon. As the machine turned into Jackson place at H street, the occupants of the car noticed a well-dressed young man and a young woman riding toward them, and the touring car and the horseback riders met, the horse the young woman was riding slipped and she fell forward to the street.

In a second Capt. Butt was out of the machine and Mr. Taft was leaning forward anxiously and alert to see if she had been injured. She was on her feet almost as soon as Capt. Butt, and her escort reached her.

"You'd better get in here," said the President, "and let us take you home."

"Thank you, very much," said she, "but I think I am all right, and I will walk home. Just before the touring car and the horseback riders met, the horse the young woman was riding slipped and she fell forward to the street. For a second or two she sat erect and then wilted a trifle. The President, who was watching, again urged her to get into the car and he driven home. Once more the young lady declined the Presidential offer of assistance, and, turning, trotted briskly away.

STIRRED BY PINCHOT.

Minnesota Convention Likely to Renounce Taft.

St. Paul, June 19.—Gifford Pinchot's speech at the Roosevelt Club dinner here a week ago has resulted in putting the delegates to the State convention to be held on June 21 entirely up in the air. The old-line machine had planned to adopt a soft-pedal platform, endorsing the administration, approving the tariff commission plan, and omitting everything else of a national character. Following the Pinchot dinner there was such a revival of the insurgency spirit that it is now a matter of guesswork as to what the platform will be. In the Ramsey County convention (St. Paul), the insurgents kicked once a side-sweeping platform, approved President Taft's "patriotic efforts in behalf of legislation for the benefit of the American people," and then pledged "its unalterable reformation of and adherence to the policies promulgated by Theodore Roosevelt." Since that action, reports are coming in from all parts of the State indicating that the progressive spirit has been aroused among Republicans, and that there will be a fight in the convention for a platform denouncing the Payne law as a repudiation of the party's national platform. The indications are that the convention will be compelled to adopt a platform patterned after the Indiana declaration. There is but little light on State nominees, Gov. Eberhard having no opposition for renomination.

TRAIN HITS 'BUS.

Two Picknickers Killed in Chicago Collision.

Chicago, June 19.—A fast train on the Illinois Central road to-night struck a bus load of picknickers returning from a day's outing, at 130th street, killing two of the party and injuring several others.

FIGHT FAN KILLED.

Train Stops Reno Journey of Young Pennsylvanian.

New York, June 19.—Sam Berner, aged nineteen years, was struck by an express train to-day just outside of Scranton, Pa., and instantly killed, his body being frightfully torn. With Berner at the time was Benjamin Malrowitz, aged twenty, of Bayonne.

The youths started out with \$40 between them to make their way to California, where they figured on seeing the Jeffries-Johnson fight. They were on a freight train that stopped, and Malrowitz got off from one side and his companion alighted from the other and stepped directly in the path of the express.

Berner was a baseball player and had covered second base for the Centerville team of Bayonne.

CURTISS MAKES NEW RECORD.

Shortest Start Is Made at Louisville Aviation Meet.

Louisville, June 19.—For the second time during the Louisville aviation meet Glenn H. Curtiss broke his own world's record for a short start by rising from the ground after his machine had traversed a distance of eighty-seven and a half feet after the machine had been released by the mechanics. Curtiss' former short starting record was ninety-six feet.

The aviator had his first experience in racing with another aeroplane of his own make when he contested with J. C. Mars in a twelve-mile flight before 8,000 spectators this afternoon.

Curtiss and Mars left the city for Minneapolis, where they will stay tomorrow night at next week. The wind blew at the rate of thirty miles an hour. Curtiss said he was afraid to attempt to make any night or endurance record, with a passenger this afternoon.

HONDURAS TOBACCO BURNED.

Demonstration Against Government Threatens Revolution.

New Orleans, June 19.—A demonstration against the government is reported from San Pedro and other towns in the tobacco district of Honduras.

A bill before the Honduran Congress grants the promoter a monopoly of the tobacco business of the country, and it was reported the concession accounts proposed to sell the monopoly to the American Tobacco Company.